

New Bedford Feb 10 1840.  
Sunday afternoon.

Dear Anne,


I intended to defer writing till I should have received your letter, which I ~~find~~ hope will come to-morrow, but I find if I lose to-morrow's mail, you cannot hear from me till Thursday. I had a very comfortable ride down, though the night was intensely cold. At the Roxbury turnout we passed the missing train of cars. They ought to have been in Boston at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 P.M. but the snow had drifted into the track so deep that they calculated it would be  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 A.M. before they would get into Boston. There was considerable alarm felt, for it was thought impossible that the snow could have detained them so long. Gilson Homan was in the car who regretted very much that he did not see you. He was very polite & agreeable. I think it was a blunder in Mr Bent breaking up that match. Lydia will never do better. At Chansfield where we take the Taunton Branch we waited half an hour ~~from~~ the Providence train to come up. We had a nice fire in the car, & I had Gilbert Guaney, so that I made myself exceedingly comfortable. We came from Taunton on wheels, for there



has been no sleighing at all down here  
We got here a little before 9 — Every body  
was very glad to see me & saw news.  
I have got the colour petition under  
way & shall send it up Saturday by  
Ctby Agood who has a vacation next  
week. William Coffin has one with more  
than 70 names on it — legal voters —  
I went to church yesterday morning  
& heard Mr Peabody preach a very good  
sermon, & a very pretty one too. Dined with  
Mrs Emerson. Saw Mr Lyndsay who  
is going to lend me Lockhart's Scott  
and all Lady Blessington's works bound  
together. Mr Chorrison is very busy here  
getting up a Society to be called "the benevolent  
society". It is for the amelioration of the  
condition of the poor — Mrs Pielsom  
suspects that Ben & Willy Patch — two young  
men, belles here, are going to come out  
abolitionists, for her son in law Jo is  
wonderfully interested all of a sudden  
& as the Patch's go, so goes Jo — Ben Patch  
is very active in the benevolent society,  
& philanthropy is to be the reigning  
fashion for some time <sup>to come</sup> —  
Mary Congdon signed the colour petition,  
but she felt awfully about it — Susan  
Congdon thinks she shall not. Isaac's  
mother I rather think will head the  
petition, she is gait — I shall not do  
any thing about petitioning in the district



but turn all my attention to getting  
signers to the gag petition —

Sunday night there is to be a party  
at George S. Bakers — It is to be a very  
large one — Abby boards there you  
know — I am anxious to be as  
smart as possible — for the Bakers are  
very bitter oppressors — I wrote to Maria  
asking her to send me my white  
grass-cloth gown if it is in town. I  
am afraid that it is not. If it is  
at Weymouth will you do it up as small  
as possible & send it by the stage wed-  
nesday morning. I saw a grass  
cloth gown in one of the drawers at  
Weymouth, in the blue chamber, but  
cant tell whether it was yours or mine.  
The only thing I can think of to identify  
mine, viz, that I believe it has cuffs  
round the hands in this way  gathered —  
though you can tell by the length if it  
is yours — at any rate if mine is there  
send it by stage wednesday morning.

I think the New York people must  
be trying to make peace. In the last  
Emancipator they speak of a plan to  
raise money in chess & then give some  
lines from the pen of Maria W. Chapman  
a financial appeal in poetry they say  
being an uncommon thing. Then follows  
part of "And through our fair St. England  
When the Sabbath bell is heard —

I don't believe they have mentioned her name



before since the Clerical appeal — also they  
 got lines from Garrison — The story  
 about Chris Tollen down here ran that  
 she was now in an insane hospital  
 I need not tell you to write partic-  
 -ularly how Aunt Priscilla is — I felt  
 much relieved by what Dr Sarnsworth  
 said going in town — Best love to all

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Miss Anne Warren Weston.

Weymouth.

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my love to Mrs. Weston & her family  
 and tell him to be a good boy

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Tell Lucia to study as much as she can  
 If you find my gown be sure to write  
 fully by it — Tell Aunt Chay to write —  
 It seems a great while since I was  
 at Weymouth If any body said 3 months  
 I should believe them — Eliza Wright I  
 think must be at his last project to make  
 such a foolish remark as he did about the  
 chess box & the woman question —